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(SALT TWO - 825)

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 1975.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
OCTOBER 22, 1975

MR. MINISTER:

I

TODAY I WANT TO DISCUSS ARTICLE X OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WHICH
WILL PROHIBIT THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN
TYPES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS.

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ON SEPTEMBER 19, THE U.S. DELEGATION ADDRESSED CERTAIN QUESTIONS REGARDING ARTICLE X OF THE JOINT DRAFT TEXT. AT THAT TIME, A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN ACHIEVED WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PROVISIONS TO BE INCLUDED. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE HAS BEEN FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT ON ARTICLE X.

FOR EXAMPLE, BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE IN SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT THAT WHAT THE UNITED STATES CALL "FRACTIONAL ORBITAL BOMBARDMENT (FOBS)" AND THE SOVIET UNION CALLS "FRACTIONAL ORBITAL MISSILES" SHOULD BE BANNED, ALONG WITH OTHER SYSTEMS FOR PLACING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ANY OTHER KIND OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION INTO ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED BY INCORPORATING IN THIS PROVISION THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST OR DEPLOY...
SYSTEMS, INCLUDING FRACTIONAL ORBITAL MISSILES, FOR
PLACING NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ANY OTHER KIND OF WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION INTO EARTH ORBIT;

I WISH TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD NOT REQUIRE DIS-
MANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF EXISTING LAUNCHERS. I HOPE THAT THIS
PROPOSAL WILL PERMIT EARLY AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

III

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS ALSO BEEN ACHIEVED REGARDING SUB-
PARAGRAPH (C) WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND
DEPLOYMENT OF SEABED WEAPON SYSTEMS. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED
TO AGREE THAT THE SUBMERGED AREAS COVERED IN THAT SUBPARAGRAPH
INCLUDE THE SEABED ZONE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLES I AND II OF THE
SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY SIGNED IN 1971.

AS WE NOTED ON SEPTEMBER 19, MISSILES FOR SUCH DEPLOYMENT MIGHT
HAVE TO BE SPECIALLY DESIGNED. TAKING THIS INTO CONSIDERATION,
THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE PHRASE "SPECIALLY DESIGNED"
BE INSERTED AFTER "MISSILES" TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ONLY THIS TYPE
OF MISSILE WOULD BE PROHIBITED BY THIS CLAUSE.

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SOME ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISIONS I HAVE DISCUSSED,
AS WELL AS OTHER PARTS OF ARTICLE X, ARE NOT YET RESOLVED. THE
UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH IN PROPOSING THAT
BOTH MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS BE PROHIBITED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (A),
(B), AND (C). IN PROPOSING A COMMITMENT NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST
OR DEPLOY BOTH MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS IN ARTICLE X, THE UNITED

STATES IS PROCEEDING IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH PRECEDENTS ESTABLISHED BOTH IN THE SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY SIGNED IN 1971, UNDER WHICH THE EMPLACEMENT OF LAUNCHING INSTALLATIONS AND THE WEAPONS THEMSELVES IS PROHIBITED, AND IN THE ABM TREATY OF 1972, WHICH CONTAINS LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON ABM SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS. IT IS MY HOPE THAT PROGRESS CAN ALSO BE ACHIEVED BETWEEN OUR TWO SIDES ON THE QUESTION OF INCLUDING PROHIBITIONS ON BOTH MISSILES AND LAUNCHERS IN ARTICLE X.

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IN SUM, MR. MINISTER, I BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN FINDING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTIONS OF THE QUESTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN ARTICLE X OF THE NEW AGREEMENT. IT IS MY HOPE THAT TIMELY RESOLUTION OF THE REMAINING ISSUES WILL ALLOW THIS PROGRESS TO CONTINUE. JOHNSON

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